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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-242746, which was published on September 7, 1999. Applicants note that this document is discussed on pages 2, 4, and 26 of the specification of the above-captioned application; and

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 2000-251069, which was published on September 14, 2000. Applicants note that this document is discussed on pages 3 and 5 of the specification of the above-captioned application.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and

cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and are listed

on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is respectfully requested

to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the

completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present

application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the

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